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USSR AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH FRANJIYAH, SUPPORTS ARAB CAUSE

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(TEXT) BEIRUT--SOVIET AMBASSADOR AZIMOV MET TODAY FOR 72 MINUTES WITH LEBANESE PRESIDENT SULAYMAN FRANJIYAH. PRIME MINISTER TAQIY AD-DIN AS-SULH ATTENDED.

THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR REAFFIRMED TO PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH THAT THE SOVIET UNION SIDES WITH THE ARABS AND THEIR WAR ON THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN FRONTS AGAINST ISRAEL. HE ALSO SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT THE SOVIET UNION'S STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD.

ANSWERING THE JOURNALISTS QUESTIONS, AS-SULH SAID THAT THE ENEMY PLANES TODAY STRAFED THE LEBANESE RADAR NETWORK. HE ADDED THAT THERE ARE HOSTILE MOVEMENTS OPPOSITE SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THAT HE DOES NOT RULE OUT A POSSIBLE ISRAELI AGGRESSIVE ATTACK.

THE LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT DURING TODAY'S MEETING HE ACQUAINTED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR WITH THE THREATS THAT ISRAEL HAS MADE AGAINST LEBANON.

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